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In re Application of: Morita et al.

Serial No. 09/822,576

Filing Date: March 30, 2001

For: Thin-Film Magnetic Head Having Lower  
Magnetic Pole Layer and Insulator Layer Behind  
The Lower Magnetic Pole Layer in The direction of  
Height of the Pole Layer, and Method For  
Manufacturing The Thin-Film Magnetic Head

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### AMENDMENT A

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Dear Sir:

This is in Reply to the Patent Office Action, mailed on October 6, 2003 in the above referenced application. Applicants respectfully request

reconsideration, reexamination and allowance of claims 1 – 12 in view of the following claim addition/amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.